(c) the details of surplus land and machinery etc. disposed off by the NTC during the past three years and revenue earned therefrom; and

(d) the action plan formulated to revive the NTC units and to make them viable?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since the funds for revival of NTC mills were to be raised from sale of surplus lands and assets of NTC, no allocation has been made by Government of India.

(c) The NTC has not disposed of any of its surplus lands and machinery during the past three years.

(d) Government, on the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, is considering a revised turn around strategy for the viable mills of NTC, keeping in view the BIFR norm of the net worth of these mills turning positive, within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the revival plan.

Handloom and Powerloom Weavers

3967. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of handloom and powerloom weavers in the country;

(b) the state-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have introduced any social security scheme for those weavers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) As per the Census of Handlooms in 1987-88, there were 43.75 lakhs handloom weavers in the country. State-wise details are given in statement-I. (*See* below)

A Joint Census of Handlooms and Powerlooms has been conducted through National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi. The data is under process.

(c) Government of India is implementing 3 Social Security scheme *viz.* Thrift Fund Scheme, Group Insurance Scheme and New Insurance Scheme for the handloom weavers. The Government has also introduced Group Insurance Scheme for powerloom weavers in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

(d) Details of the Social Security Schemes being implemented by Government for handloom and powerloom weavers are given in statement-II.

Statement—I

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of Handloom Household Members Engaged in Weaving Activity (Full Time and Part Time)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	252157
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	45204
3.	Assam	1716440
4.	Bihar	103629
5.	Gujarat	28560
6.	Haryana	18365
7.	Himachal Pradesh	40999
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	32428
9.	Karnataka	90999
10.	Kerala	47155
11.	Madhya Pradesh	37009
12.	Maharashtra	67127
13.	Manipur	284205
14.	Meghalaya	9321
15.	Mizoram	99828
16.	Nagaland	102022
17.	Orissa	116834
18.	Punjab	11697
19.	Rajasthan	38199
20.	Tamil Nadu	421040
21.	Tripura	115236

Sl.	States/Uts	No. of Handloom Household Members Engaged in Weaving Activity (Full Time and Part Time)
22.	Uttar Pradesh	318586
23.	West Bengal	366545
24.	Goa	50
25.	Delhi	7671
26.	Pondicherry	4489
	TOTAL	4375795

Statement—II

Thrift Fund Scheme for Handloom Weavers:

Under the revised Thrift Fund Scheme for handloom weavers introduced from 1991-92, the rate of contribution to be made by the weavers and the contribution to be given by the State and Central Government is as under:—

(i) Weavers contribution : 8 paise per rupee of wages earned
(ii) Contribution of: 4 paise per Central Governmentrupee
(iii) Contribution of: 4 paise per State Government rupee

Group Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers:

Under the Group Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers introduced from the year 1992-93, a weaver is provided an Insurance cover of Rs. 10,000 for an annual premium of Rs. 120/-. The premium is shared equally between Central Gvoernment, State Governments and handloom weaver.

New Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers:

The New Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers provide coverage against loss or damage to dwelling due to flood, fire, earthquake etc.; damage to contents of the dwelling like looms, raw material etc; medical coverage and Personal Accidental Insurance against accidental death. The annual funding patern is as follows:—

By Central Government : Rs.60/-
By State Government : Rs.40/-
By Weaver : Rs.20/-

Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Weavers:

The Government has introduced Group Insurance Scheme for powerloom weavers from the year 1992-93. Under the Scheme, a powerloom weaver is provided an Insurance cover of Rs. 10,000 in the case of natural death and Rs. 20,000 in the case of death due to accident for an annual premium of Rs. 120. The premium is shared equally by the Central Government, State Governments and the powerloom weavers.

Development of Textile Industry in Uttar Pradesh

3968. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently taken/propose to take steps to further develop handloom industry in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to provide assistance for the development of said industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (d) The Government is implementing various schemes for the development of handloom sector and welfare of weavers. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh have been availing assistance under these schemes. An amount of Rs. 746.75 lakhs was released during 1997-98 under the schemes of Handloom Development